CFRI Scientist Absenting from Duty

1214. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Senior Scientist (E grade) of CFRI, Dhanbad has been absenting from duty for long period;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against him; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

I THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOP--MENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Scientist CE' grade) of the Institute has been on continuous un- . authorised absence since 30-11-983.

(c) Yes, Sir, disciplinary proceedings against him are in progress.

(d) Does not arise. ,

Import of XRF Spectometer by CFRI

1215. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUA SEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an XRF Spectometer was imported at a cost of Rs. 22 lakhs by CFRI;

(b) if so, when the decision to import the same was taken;

(c) when the machines reached Calcutta Port;

(d) whether it was kept in suitable enivronment; and

(e) whether the machine is in working condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision was taken on 18-8-1981.

(c) The equipment reached Cal cutta in January, 1983.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The machine is not working since the equipment got damaged in transit. The components to ' be re placed are still awaited from the manufacturers.

Tremors and land slides in Kerala

1216. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRA-VATTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the Tremors and landslides in Idukki area of Kerala which took place re cently;

(b) what steps are being taken to help the people affected and to ad vise them about the future probabi-lities of such incidents; and

(c) whether there is any possibi lity for the Tremors to continue with details of the findings of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOP-," MENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The earth tremors and landslides which occurred in the Idukki area in Kerala in June 1988 were due to natural causes.

(b) and (c) Occurrence of earth-quackers of magnitude less than 5 on